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HISTORICAL PHOTOS DISPLAY
“THE GALLERY PLAYERS: LIVE THEATER IN BROOKLYN SINCE 1967!”
UNVEILED AT THEATER AT OPENING OF 41st SEASON IN PARK SLOPE
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Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY - **The Gallery Players**, Brooklyn’s premier Off-Off Broadway theater, shares images from its 40 seasons in Park Slope with its audience and the entire community in its photo display “**The Gallery Players: Live Theater in Brooklyn Since 1967!**”. The display is unveiled at the opening of its first play of the 2007-2008 season, *Six Degrees of Separation*, on September 15, 2007, and will be a permanent feature at the theater.

The display is funded in part by a generous grant from the Park Slope Civic Council. Fifty-two digital prints of production photos spanning from 1967 to 2007 now appear on the walls of the Park Slope Neighborhood Family Center, home to The Gallery Players. Included amongst the photos are images of Harvey Fierstein – a founding member of The Gallery Players - in a 1974 production of *Barefoot in the Park*; Tony Award nominee Manoel Felciano in a 1997 production of *Assassins*; and theater personality Seth Rudetsky in last season’s production of *Torch Song Trilogy*.

Executive Director of The Gallery Players, Matt Schicker, states that: “We are very grateful to the Park Slope Civic Council for this opportunity to get a true sense of the remarkable history of this ‘little theater that could’ through this photo display. Hundreds, if not thousands, of theater companies have come and gone in New York since 1967, and it really is extraordinary that The Gallery Players still thrives after 40 years. Visually, the display also makes the scope of the artistic work that has been produced by The Gallery Players in Brooklyn very apparent and very real. It’s also just fun: since so many professional actors made their New York City debut here, longtime subscribers and new audiences alike may recognize a face or two in the photos from Broadway, film, and television.”

The photo display is free to all. Ticket holders to any production at The Gallery Players can view the display as they enter or leave the theater and at intermission. All others are encouraged to arrive at the theater at certain time for any performance to check in with the box office representative to be granted access to the stairwell and landing where the photos are on display.

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More information about The Gallery Players history and its programs can be found at www.galleryplayers.com. Tickets to *Six Degrees of Separation* are \$18 for Adults, \$14 for Senior Citizens and children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased 24/7 online at www.galleryplayers.com or by calling TheaterMania at (212) 352-3101 (phone hours 9-9 weekdays, 10-6 weekends).

The Gallery Players is located at 199 14th St., between 4th and 5th Aves. in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Take the F Train to 4th Ave. or the R Train to 9th Street. By car: BQE to Hamilton Avenue to 14th Street.

A New York institution since 1967, The Gallery Players has served actors and audiences alike for more than 4 decades by showcasing burgeoning new talent and offering a home base for theater professionals. The company's eclectic programming of intimate revivals and ambitious new work in inventive productions has earned it the reputation of "New York's Best Kept Secret." Among its famous alumni are founding member Harvey Fierstein, Broadway regular Diedre Goodwin, New York theater personality Seth Rudetsky, and many others.

Other productions at The Gallery Players in 07-08: *Six Degrees of Separation* (September 15-30), *Yank! A New Musical* (October 20-November 4), *The Santaland Diaries* (December 1-16), *The Wild Party* (Lippa) (February 2-24, 2008), *Lysistrata* (March 15-30, 2008), *Man of La Mancha* (April 26-May 18, 2008), and the 11th Annual Black Box New Play Festival (June 2008). The Peanut Gallery, a summer musical theater adventure camp for kids now in its 4th year, will take place in July 2008 as well as its free Shakespeare program for teenagers, co-produced with AmeriKick.

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